

PETITION
OF A
NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF NEW JERSEY,

PRAYING

That the treaty made with the Cherokees at New Echota may be annulled.

APRIL 19, 1838.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

The subscribers, citizens of the State of New Jersey, learn, with deep concern, that measures have been taken to carry into effect the fraudulent treaty made with a few unauthorized Cherokee Indians, who unwarrantably assumed to act in the name and on behalf of the whole nation, ceding its cherished and unalienated rights, and stipulating for the removal of the whole people from their beloved ancestral home to a distant and uncultivated territory. Against the provisions of this pretended treaty, and the mode of its origin, a vast majority of their nation, at the time of its ratification, protested and still protest; and we earnestly entreat the interposition of Congress to save our country from the deep disgrace of this additional act of injustice to an already deeply injured people. If we would ourselves be unwilling to submit to such provisions, made by a small minority of our own citizens, in a convention with any foreign power, the golden rule of our Redeemer should be applied by us in all its simple strictness, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

True, the Cherokees are weak and powerless; but shall a magnanimous nation inflict wrongs for such a cause? The immutable principles of justice and humanity, no less than the dictates of a high-toned national honor, forbid the supposition. We ask the annulment of the treaty.

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To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:
The subscribers citizens of the State of New Jersey, learn with deep concern that measures have been taken to carry into effect the fraudulent treaty made with a few unauthorized Cherokee Indians, who unwarrantably assumed to act in the name and on behalf of the whole nation, seeking its obliteration and accelerated rights, and stipulating for the removal of the whole people from their beloved ancestral home to a distant and uncivilized territory. Against the provisions of this pretended treaty, and the mode of its origin, a vast majority of their nation, at the time of its ratification, protested and still protest; and we earnestly entreat the interposition of Congress to save our country from the deep danger of this additional act of injustice to an already deeply injured people. If we would ourselves be unwilling to submit to such provisions made by a small minority of our own citizens in a convention with any foreign power, the golden rule of our Republic should be applied by us in all its simple strictness. What reason we would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. Thus the Cherokees are weak and powerless; but shall a magnanimous nation lend weapons for such a cause? The immutable principles of justice and humanity no less than the duties of a high-toned national honor forbid the suggestion. We ask the ratification of the treaty.

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